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FIEND * VALUABLE UNDERSTANDING

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1. The policy governing the relationships between BGFIEND and its British counterpart, VALUABLE may be stated as: closely integrated policy control with disengagement on the operational level. United States - British agreements on the various facets of the executive type projects mounted against Albania are outlined below:

a. Policy All matters pertaining to policy of the two services concerning Albania will be agreed upon jointly. These agreements are to include the ultimate aims of the operations and decisions concerning the management and membership of the NCFA, the propaganda lines to be pursued, and economic measures taken against Albania. All approaches to Albanians are to be made on a joint basis. Any discussions with any Albanian group not conducted jointly will be cleared with the other services in advance by the person making the contact. We are committed to completely joint connections and in actual fact anything less than pooling our political effort would be disastrous.

b. Field Operations. There are to be no joint infiltration missions. However, each service is to keep the other informed of their activities and areas of operations in the target country. Quarterly field operational level meetings have been agreed to.

c. Intelligence. Both services are committed to a full exchange of operational information and certain intelligence materials and estimates.

d. Liaison with other services. Either service is entitled to make separate approaches to other national services for assistance or collaboration on certain specific phases of the operation.

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